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**Abstract.** We report here on the details of the first, in situ, real-time measurements of H-1211 (CBrClF<sub>2</sub>) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) mixing ratios in the stratosphere up to 20 km. Stratospheric air was analyzed for these gases and others with a new gas chromatograph, flown aboard a National Aeronautics and Space Administration ER-2 aircraft as part of the Airborne Southern Hemisphere Ozone Experiment/Measurements for Assessing the Effects of Stratospheric Aircraft mission conducted in 1994. The mixing ratio of SF<sub>6</sub>, with its nearly linear increase in the troposphere, was used to estimate the mean age of stratospheric air parcels along the ER-2 flight path. Measurements of H-1211 and mean age estimates were then combined with simultaneous measurements of CFC-11 (CCl<sub>3</sub>F), measurements of brominated compounds in stratospheric whole air samples, and records of tropospheric organic bromine mixing ratios to calculate the dry mixing ratio of total bromine in the lower stratosphere and its partitioning between organic and inorganic forms. We estimate that the organic bromine-containing species were almost completely photolyzed to inorganic species in the oldest air parcels sampled. Our results for inorganic bromine are consistent with those obtained from a photochemical, steady state model for stratospheric air parcels with CFC-11 mixing ratios greater than 150 ppt. For stratospheric air parcels with CFC-11 mixing ratios less than 50 ppt (mean age  $\geq 5$  years) we calculate inorganic bromine mixing ratios that are approximately 20% less than the photochemical, steady state model. There is a 20% reduction in calculated ozone loss resulting from bromine chemistry in old air relative to some previous estimates as a result of the lower bromine levels.

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## 1. Introduction

Concern over the contribution of bromine to stratospheric ozone loss in polar regions [McElroy *et al.*, 1986; Salawitch *et al.*, 1988; Anderson *et al.*, 1989] and in midlatitudes [Yung *et al.*, 1980; Garcia and Solomon, 1994; Wennberg *et al.*, 1994] has resulted in international regulation of the production of halons and methyl bromide (CH<sub>3</sub>Br) [United Nations Environmental Program, 1995]. The concentration of bromine in the stratosphere is about 2 orders of magnitude smaller than the concentration of chlorine, but bromine is 40–100 times more efficient at destroying ozone than is chlorine [Garcia and Solomon, 1994; Solomon *et al.*, 1995]. Bromine accounts for 20–40% of the annual loss of stratospheric ozone in polar regions [Anderson *et al.*, 1989; Salawitch *et al.*, 1993] and plays a significant role in midlatitude ozone loss at altitudes below 20 km [Garcia and Solomon, 1994; Lary, 1996].

Organic compounds containing bromine are released at the Earth's surface (Table 1), mix rapidly in the troposphere, and are advected into the stratosphere where photolysis and reaction with OH lead to the formation of inorganic bromine species. It is the inorganic species that participate in the catalytic destruction of ozone. A recent modeling study found that at an altitude of 20 km in the midlatitudes, the inorganic bromine species, Br<sub>2</sub>, BrO, BrONO, BrCl, BrONO<sub>2</sub>, and HOBr, have lifetimes in sunlight of less than 1 hour [Lary, 1996]. The model results indicate that the longest-lived inorganic bromine species is HBr with a lifetime of 1 day. The model results also suggest that only 1% of the inorganic bromine is in the form of HBr and that approximately one half of inorganic bromine is present as BrO in sunlight in the lower stratosphere [Lary, 1996]. Although inorganic bromine is involved in catalytic ozone destruction in the absence of reactive

**Table 1.** Bromine-Containing Compounds That Have Been Measured at the Earth's Surface

Molecule	Formula	Source <sup>a</sup>	Mixing Ratio, ppt	Atmospheric Lifetime, Years	ODP
<i>Sources of Stratospheric Bromine</i>					
Methyl Bromide	CH <sub>3</sub> Br	A, N	9.8–11 <sup>b</sup>	0.8 <sup>c</sup>	0.43 <sup>d</sup>
Halon-1211	CBrClF <sub>2</sub>	A	2.5 <sup>c</sup>	20 <sup>f</sup>	5 <sup>f</sup>
Halon-1301	CBrF <sub>3</sub>	A	2.0 <sup>c</sup>	65 <sup>f</sup>	13 <sup>f</sup>
Halon-2402	CBrF <sub>2</sub> CBrF <sub>2</sub>	A	0.47 <sup>g</sup>	<20 <sup>h</sup>	~5 <sup>i</sup>
Dibromomethane	CH <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	N	1.4–3.7 <sup>a,j</sup>	<1, 0.2 <sup>d,k</sup>	
Bromochloromethane	CH <sub>2</sub> BrCl	N	0.5–2.9 <sup>a</sup>	<1	
<i>Negligible Sources of Stratospheric Bromine</i>					
Bromoform	CHBr <sub>3</sub>	A, N	0–10 <sup>l,m,n</sup>	<0.083, 0.03–0.1 <sup>d,k</sup>	
Dibromochloromethane	CHBr <sub>2</sub> Cl	N	≤1 <sup>a</sup>	0.4 <sup>k</sup>	
Bromodichloromethane	CHBrCl <sub>2</sub>	N	0.6–3.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.4 <sup>k</sup>	
1,2-dibromoethane	CH <sub>2</sub> BrCH <sub>2</sub> Br	A	0–17.7 <sup>a</sup>	0.4 <sup>k</sup>	

Compounds in the upper portion of the table have atmospheric lifetimes long enough to allow their transport into the stratosphere. Compounds in the lower portion of the table have short atmospheric lifetimes and are assumed to contribute negligible amounts of bromine to the stratosphere. ODP, ozone depletion potential.

<sup>a</sup> Sturges [1993]; sources are anthropogenic (A) or natural (N).

<sup>b</sup> Penkett *et al.* [1995], Lobert *et al.*, [1995].

<sup>c</sup> Yvon and Butler [1996].

<sup>d</sup> Butler and Rodriguez [1996].

<sup>e</sup> Sanhueza *et al.* [1995], Butler *et al.*, [1998].

<sup>f</sup> Solomon *et al.* [1995].

<sup>g</sup> Butler *et al.* [1998].

<sup>h</sup> Burkholder *et al.* [1991].

<sup>i</sup> Estimated from the ODP of H-1301 by substitution of the lifetime, molec. wt., and number of Br atoms/molec. of H-2402 for those of H-1301.

<sup>j</sup> Schauffler *et al.* [1993].

<sup>k</sup> Singh [1995].

<sup>l</sup> Cicerone *et al.* [1988].

<sup>m</sup> Atlas *et al.* [1992].

<sup>n</sup> Penkett *et al.* [1985].

nitrogen, hydrogen, and chlorine species, bromine also participates in “mixed-family” cycles of catalytic ozone destruction. In addition to producing ozone loss, the “mixed-family” reactions influence the partitioning within the bromine, chlorine, nitrogen, and hydrogen families [Danilin and McConnell, 1995; Lary *et al.*, 1996] which makes the contribution of bromine to ozone loss depend strongly upon local conditions [Garcia and Solomon, 1994; Danilin *et al.*, 1996]. It is important to note that our understanding of bromine chemistry in the stratosphere is not yet complete as evidenced by the significant changes and additions for bromine chemistry between the JPL-94 and JPL-97 recommendations [DeMore *et al.*, 1994, 1997].

Halons, which are purely anthropogenic compounds used primarily as fire suppressants, and CH<sub>3</sub>Br, a naturally occurring

compound that is also manufactured and used as a fumigant, are the major sources of stratospheric bromine (Table 2). The halons contribute about one third of the total bromine entering the stratosphere. The sale and manufacture of halons was banned in developed countries on January 1, 1994, and is scheduled to be banned in developing countries by 2010 [United Nations Environmental Program, 1995]. Halons have been stockpiled and their use limited to critical applications such as archive protection and passenger protection aboard airplanes, ships, and military vehicles. Although the tropospheric mixing ratios of the two most abundant halons, H-1211 and H-1301 (CBrF<sub>3</sub>), continue to rise, their combined tropospheric growth rate has recently slowed [Butler *et al.*, 1992; Montzka *et al.*, 1996, Butler *et al.*, 1998]. The largest single source of stratospheric bromine, CH<sub>3</sub>Br, has a tropospheric mixing ratio of  $9.8 \pm 0.6$  ppt [Lobert *et*

**Table 2.** Fit Parameters and Uncertainties Describing the Time Dependence of the Surface Mixing Ratios of Long-Lived Organic Bromine Species From 1988 to 1995

Molecule	Number of Br Atoms per Molecule	Mixing Ratio, [X(t)]		
		a	$[X(t)] = a + b(t - 1994.875) + c(t - 1994.875)^2$	c
Methyl Bromide	1	9.8 ± 0.6	0.0 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.0
Halon-1211	1	3.15 ± 0.20	0.151 ± 0.017	-0.0036 ± 0.0043
Halon-1301	1	2.25 ± 0.13	0.115 ± 0.010	-0.0055 ± 0.0023
Halon-2402	2	0.47 ± 0.03	0.010 ± 0.004	0.0 ± 0.0
Dibromomethane	2	1.1 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.1	0.0 ± 0.0
Bromochloromethane	1	0.14 ± 0.03	0.00 ± 0.01	0.0 ± 0.0

We have assumed that the mixing ratios of the naturally occurring species were constant from 1988 to 1995. We allowed for changes in the mixing ratios by including uncertainty in the linear growth coefficient. The time series of halon mixing ratios at the Earth's surface come from flask measurements collected at NOAA/CMDL's seven baseline monitoring stations. The trends for H-1211 and H-1301 are based on measurements that began in mid-1989. The trend for H-2402 is based on measurements that began in 1995 and archived air samples. The mixing ratio as a function of time, [X(t)], is given by the equation,  $[X(t)] = a + b(t - 1994.875) + c(t - 1994.875)^2$ . We have chosen mid-October 1994 as our reference time because this coincides with the in situ stratospheric measurements taken during the ASHOC/MAESA mission. With this convention, the constant term, a, is the surface mixing ratio for mid-October 1994. The uncertainties are 1 standard deviation values.

*al.*, 1995; Penkett *et al.*, 1995]. Methyl bromide is produced and destroyed by a variety of physical and biological processes on land and in the ocean. The release of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  to the atmosphere during fumigation is the largest anthropogenic source of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ ; smaller contributions arise from biomass burning and use of leaded fuel additives. Naturally occurring  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  is believed to account for 60–80% of the total atmospheric burden of methyl bromide [Butler and Rodriguez, 1996; Penkett *et al.*, 1995]. Additional source gases include the relatively short-lived species, dibromomethane ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ ) and bromochloromethane ( $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}$ ), which have atmospheric lifetimes on the order of a year and tropospheric mixing ratios of 1.1 and 0.14 ppt (Tables 1 and 2). Several other naturally occurring, organic, brominated compounds have been measured in the troposphere, but they are short-lived in the atmosphere and are believed to be insignificant contributors to stratospheric bromine (Table 1).

The amount of bromine in the stratosphere and its partitioning among inorganic and organic species are crucial inputs for atmospheric models that attempt to simulate the distribution of ozone and evaluate the impact of  $\text{HO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , and halogen chemistry on ozone destruction [Salawitch *et al.*, 1993; Wennberg *et al.*, 1994, 1997; Gao *et al.*, 1997]. Currently, *in situ* techniques measure a limited number of brominated compounds from which total bromine is estimated. We calculate the total bromine in stratospheric air parcels by first determining the time series of bromine input to the stratosphere. The amount of bromine in an isolated, stratospheric air parcel remains constant at the value it had upon entry to the stratosphere, though photolysis and reaction with OH convert the organic source compounds to inorganic species as the parcel passes through the stratosphere. For a real air parcel, subject to large- and small-scale mixing processes in the atmosphere, the amount of bromine will reflect contributions from air parcels that entered the stratosphere at different times. However, there remains a correlation between the total bromine and the mean age of the air parcel. The mean age of stratospheric air is determined from the measured mixing ratio of an age tracer such as  $\text{SF}_6$ . The amount of bromine present in organic forms is either measured directly or estimated from tracer-tracer correlations. The amount of inorganic bromine in an air parcel is then determined by subtracting the organic bromine from the total bromine. This method is based on measured mixing ratios of organic, brominated source compounds in both the troposphere and stratosphere and will therefore be referred to as the organic bromine method. An independent method for determining the amount of inorganic bromine in a stratospheric air parcel makes use of the rapid photochemical cycling among various inorganic, bromine-containing species in the sunlit stratosphere. This method is based on simultaneous measurements of solar radiation and mixing ratios of BrO and other radicals and will be referred to as the inorganic bromine method. Both methods were used to calculate the partitioning of bromine in the lower stratosphere from measurements taken during the 1994 Airborne Southern Hemisphere Ozone Experiment/Measurements for Assessing the Effects of Stratospheric Aircraft (ASHOE/MAESA) mission.

## 2. Instrumentation

Mixing ratios of CFC-11, H-1211,  $\text{SF}_6$ , and seven other molecules were measured during the ASHOE/MAESA mission

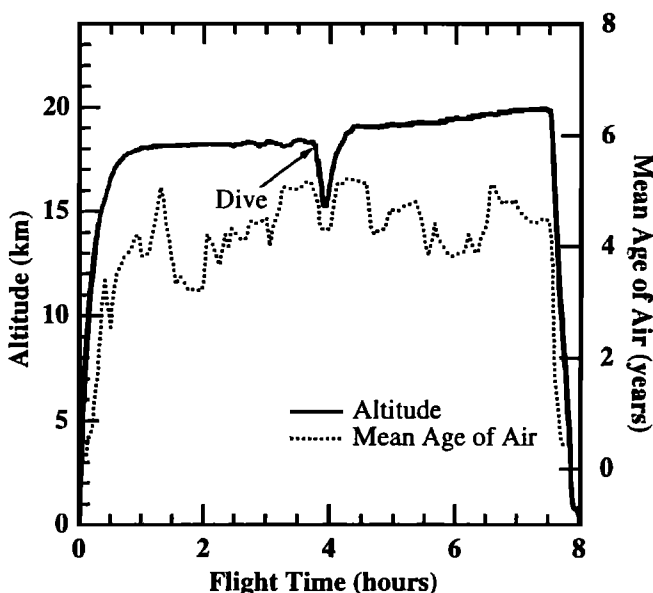
**Table 3.** Accuracy and precision of the CFC-11,  $\text{SF}_6$ , and H-1211 measurements from ACATS-IV during ASHOE/MAESA

Compound	Accuracy, ppt	Precision, ppt
CFC-11	$\pm 5$	$\pm 1$
$\text{SF}_6$	$\pm 0.5$	$\pm 0.04$
H-1211	$\pm 0.2$	$\pm 0.05$

The uncertainties are 1 standard deviation values.

with the fully automated, four-channel gas chromatograph (GC), Airborne Chromatograph for Atmospheric Trace Species (ACATS-IV) [Elkins *et al.*, 1996a]. Measurements of H-1211 and CFC-11 were obtained once every 3 minutes while  $\text{SF}_6$  was measured every 6 minutes (Table 3). Calibrated air was sampled every 15 minutes (every 30 minutes for  $\text{SF}_6$ ) during flight to account for drift in instrument response. The in-flight calibration gases were secondary standards calibrated against primary gravimetric standards prepared at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory (NOAA/CMDL) [Elkins *et al.*, 1993, 1996b]. Most of the measurements were obtained in the stratosphere at ER-2 cruise altitudes of 15–20 km, but a few tropospheric measurements were obtained upon ascent and descent of the aircraft (Figure 1). Measurements were taken in October and November 1994 at latitudes ranging from 70°S to 60°N.

All prior measurements of organic, bromine-containing compounds in the stratosphere had been made by collecting whole air samples from aircraft or balloon platforms and storing them for analysis with ground-based instruments. In this work we incorporated measurements of brominated compounds in samples collected by researchers at the Jülich Research Center's Institute for Atmospheric Chemistry (KFA), the University of California at Irvine (UC-Irvine), and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). Researchers at KFA designed a balloon-borne, neon-cooled cryo-sampler to collect 15 samples per flight. Bromine compounds were separated by gas chromatography and detected with a mass selective detector (GC-MS) at the University of East Anglia (UEA). The KFA/UEA air samples were collected on four balloon flights in the Arctic and northern midlatitudes made to heights of 32 km [Schmidt *et al.*, 1987; Lee *et al.*, 1995]. Aircraft-based, whole air samplers were developed separately at UC-Irvine [Blake *et al.*, 1992] and NCAR [Heidt *et al.*, 1989]. The UC-Irvine sampler used 2 L, stainless steel cans that were conditioned by baking them in air. After evacuation to 0.01 torr, 2 torr of purified water vapor was added to each canister prior to shipping the canisters to the field. Air samples were collected by filling the cans to approximately



**Figure 1.** Altitude profile and calculated mean age of air for the flight of October 10, 1994. The flight profile shown in this figure is typical of the flight patterns flown during ASHOE/MAESA in which the majority of the flight time occurred in the stratosphere. The tropopause is at 8–10 km. Altitude profiles were obtained on ascent, descent, and during dives executed in the middle of the flight. The mean age of air along the flight path was calculated from the measured mixing ratios of the age tracer,  $\text{SF}_6$ .

40 psig with a two-stage, metal bellows pump. Gases were separated by gas chromatography and detected with an electron capture detector (GC-ECD) at UC-Irvine. The NCAR sampler used a four-stage, metal bellows pump to fill evacuated, 1.6 L stainless steel cans. The NCAR cans were filled to approximately 40 psia. The technique of GC-MS was used to analyze the samples at NCAR. During the second Airborne Arctic Stratospheric Expedition (AASE II) the UC-Irvine sampler was deployed aboard a DC-8, and the NCAR sampler operated aboard an ER-2 [Schauffler *et al.*, 1993]. During the May 1995 Stratospheric Tracers for Atmospheric Transport (STRAT) mission, the NCAR sampler was again deployed aboard an ER-2, and samples were analyzed for six organic, bromine-containing species.

There are several additional publications that report stratospheric profiles of bromine-containing compounds [Fabian *et al.*, 1981; Lal *et al.*, 1985; Singh *et al.*, 1988; Lal *et al.*, 1994; Fabian *et al.*, 1994; Kourtidis *et al.*, 1996]. Data in these publications are from analysis of samples collected by a balloon-borne, neon-cooled, cryo-pumped sampler developed at the Max-Planck Institute for Aeronomy (MPAE). Our analysis method relies on correlations obtained from simultaneous measurements of brominated compounds and CFC-11. With the exception of Fabian *et al.* [1981], simultaneous measurements of CFC-11 were not reported, so we have not included data from the MPAE samples in our analysis.

Stratospheric mixing ratios of a principal inorganic species, BrO, have been measured with ground and aircraft-based instruments. Resonance fluorescence detection of Br produced by the titration of BrO with NO was used to obtain *in situ* measurements of BrO during AASE [Toohey *et al.*, 1990], AASE II [Avallone *et al.*, 1995], and ASHOE/MAESA. Slant column abundances of BrO have been measured with instruments aboard aircraft [Wahner *et al.*, 1990] and balloons [Pundt *et al.*, 1996] and with ground-based instruments [Carroll *et al.*, 1989; Solomon *et al.*, 1989; Arpag *et al.*, 1994].

### 3. Procedure

Our procedure for determining the partitioning of stratospheric bromine between organic and inorganic components is conceptually the same as the procedure used to estimate inorganic chlorine in the stratosphere by Woodbridge *et al.* [1995]. The partitioning of bromine within an air parcel is given by

$$[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}] = [\text{CBr}_y] + [\text{Br}_y]. \quad (1)$$

By convention, Br<sub>y</sub> designates bromine residing in inorganic species, CBr<sub>y</sub> designates the bromine contained in organic bromine species, and the total amount of bromine is given by Br<sub>Total</sub>. The use of square brackets indicates a mixing ratio rather than a concentration throughout this paper. The only significant source of bromine in the stratosphere is assumed to be organic bromine emitted at the Earth's surface (Tables 1 and 2). We also assume that only those species with lifetimes in the troposphere that are long enough to allow them to be advected into the stratosphere (lifetime > 0.4 years) contribute to stratospheric bromine. As a result, we assume in our calculation that the stratospheric input function, Br<sub>Total</sub>, is the sum of the bromine contained in the six species, CH<sub>3</sub>Br, H-1211, H-1301, H-2402, CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>BrCl (Table 2). First, to produce a sum, the time series of the mixing ratios of these six compounds at the Earth's surface was compiled. The use of surface measurements rather than measurements at the tropical tropopause sets an upper limit on how much bromine can be carried into the stratosphere by these species. Second, the mean age of air along the ER-2 flight path was estimated from measurements of SF<sub>6</sub>, a long-lived, anthropogenic gas with a growth rate of approximately 6.7%/year [Maiss *et al.*, 1996; Geller *et al.*, 1997]. Combining the time series of surface measurements and mean age of air, the

value of [Br<sub>Total</sub>] was estimated for each sampled air parcel. Third, mixing ratios of H-1211 and CFC-11 were measured along the ER-2 flight track. The mixing ratios of the five other source compounds were estimated from the measured mixing ratio of CFC-11 and their observed or modeled correlations with [CFC-11]. The value of [CBr<sub>y</sub>] was estimated for each sampled air parcel by summing the bromine contributed by each of the six source compounds. Finally, equation (1) was used to calculate [Br<sub>y</sub>].

### 3.1. Tropospheric Record of Source Gases

Halon measurements were obtained from weekly flask samples collected at the NOAA/CMDL background monitoring sites. Gases were detected by either GC-ECD or GC-MS [Butler *et al.*, 1992; Montzka *et al.*, 1996; Butler *et al.*, 1998]. Halon-1211 and H-1301 measurements began in mid-1989, and H-2402 measurements were initiated in 1995. Third-order polynomials were fit to the data to obtain functions describing the tropospheric mixing ratios of H-1211 and H-1301 as a function of time. The time series of H-2402 flask measurements was augmented by GC-MS analysis of six archived air samples (collected from late 1991 to early 1994) and fit using a line [Elkins *et al.*, 1996b; Butler *et al.*, 1998] (Table 2).

We assumed that the global tropospheric mixing ratio of CH<sub>3</sub>Br was 9.8 ± 0.6 ppt and was constant over the 6 year period of interest with an estimated uncertainty in the growth rate of ± 0.2 ppt/year [Butler and Rodriguez, 1996]. Our global estimate is based on measurements of CH<sub>3</sub>Br in air that was sampled during a transect of the Pacific Ocean in early 1994 [Lobert *et al.*, 1995]. Lobert *et al.* [1995] calculated average northern and southern hemisphere mixing ratios of 11.1 ppt and 8.5 ppt in agreement with other recent marine boundary layer measurements [Penkett *et al.*, 1995].

There are few published tropospheric measurements of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>BrCl. We assigned 1994 tropospheric mixing ratios of 1.1 ± 0.2 ppt for CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> and 0.14 ± 0.03 ppt for CH<sub>2</sub>BrCl, based on NCAR analysis of air samples collected during the May 1995 STRAT campaign. There are no trend data available for the tropospheric mixing ratios of these two naturally produced compounds, so we assumed that their tropospheric mixing ratios were constant over the 6 year period of interest. To compensate for this assumption, we adopted 1 standard deviation (1 s.d.) uncertainties of ± 0.1 ppt/year and ± 0.01 ppt/year in the trends of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>BrCl. This assumption encompasses extremes as the 2 standard deviation uncertainty includes the possibility that the tropospheric mixing ratios of these two compounds grew linearly from zero to their late 1994 tropospheric values over a period of 6 years.

The stratospheric input function for organic bromine is estimated as the sum of the bromine contained in six long-lived, organic bromine species (Table 2) where the mixing ratio for each species is measured at the tropical tropopause. The time series for each source compound given in Table 2 is based upon measurements taken at the Earth's surface. We assume that these species are well mixed in the troposphere so that any vertical gradient in the mixing ratios of these species is the result of increasing concentrations at the Earth's surface. If the mixing ratios of the source molecules are measured at the Earth's surface, then the stratospheric input function at time *t*, [Br<sub>Total</sub>](*t*), is the total amount of bromine contained in the source molecules at time *t* - δΓ where δΓ is the time required for the global surface average to reach the tropical tropopause. For *t* in years between 1988 and 1996 we calculate the stratospheric input function to be

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}](t) = & [\text{CH}_3\text{Br}](t - \delta\Gamma) + [\text{H-1211}](t - \delta\Gamma) \\ & + [\text{H-1301}](t - \delta\Gamma) + 2[\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2](t - \delta\Gamma) \\ & + 2[\text{H-2402}](t - \delta\Gamma) + [\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}](t - \delta\Gamma) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}](t) = 18.48 + 0.286(t - \delta\Gamma - 1994.875) - 0.0091(t - \delta\Gamma - 1994.875)^2 \quad (3)$$

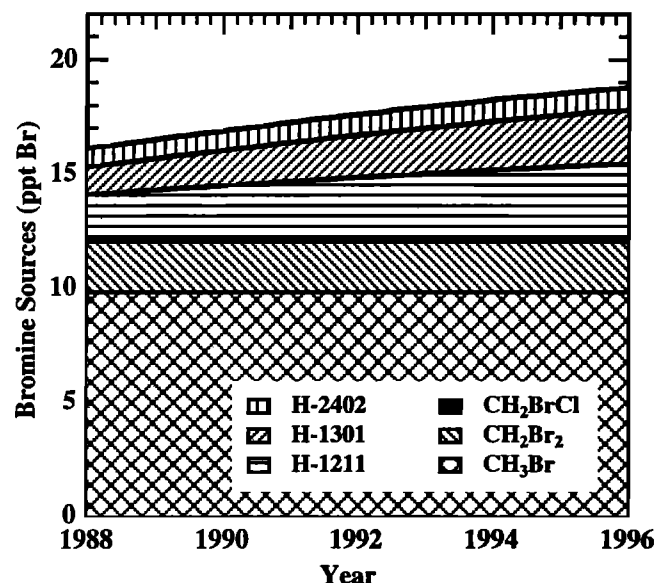
where all mixing ratios are in ppt. The halons are assumed to account for 100% of the increase in tropospheric mixing ratios of compounds that contribute to stratospheric bromine (Table 2, Figure 2). The uncertainty in  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  was calculated from the uncertainties in the late 1994, tropospheric measurements and the uncertainties in the tropospheric trends of each species (Tables 2, 3, and 4).

### 3.2. Mean Age of Air

Species with no appreciable sources or sinks in the stratosphere that also have linearly increasing tropospheric mixing ratios can be used to determine the mean age of air in stratospheric air parcels [Hall and Plumb, 1994]. Use of a conservative tracer allows one to evaluate the mean age of an air parcel by comparing the measured mixing ratio in the stratospheric parcel to a value in a time series of tropospheric mixing ratios. The mean age of air can be estimated from the mixing ratios of several different tracers, including  $\text{CO}_2$ , CFC-115, and  $\text{SF}_6$  [Woodbridge et al., 1995; Daniel et al., 1996; Harnisch et al., 1996]. The relationship between the mean age,  $\Gamma$ , the stratospheric mixing ratio,  $[X]$ , and the mixing ratio at the tropopause,  $[X]_0$ , is given by equation (4).

$$[X](x,t) = [X]_0(t - \Gamma(x)) \quad (4)$$

The measurement in the stratosphere occurs at a point in space and time designated by  $(x,t)$ . The mean age is referenced from the time an air parcel crosses the tropical tropopause. The mean age of air cannot be obtained directly from measured mixing ratios of an age tracer if the time series of tropospheric mixing ratios for the age tracer is not linear. A complete discussion of the method for deriving the mean age of stratospheric air parcels from measurements of  $\text{SF}_6$  can be found elsewhere [Volk et al., 1997]. For a species with a quadratic trend, equation (4) becomes



**Figure 2.** Recent record of long-lived organic bromine species at the Earth's surface. The mixing ratios of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$ , and  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}$  were assumed to be constant from 1988 to 1996. The halon mixing ratios were obtained from the NOAA/CMDL flask measurement program.

**Table 4.** Correlations of Long-Lived Species of Organic Bromine With CFC-11

Molecule	Source (Mission)	$[X]_0$ , ppt	d
$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$	UC-Irvine (AASE)	12.1	$0.67 \pm 0.01$
	NCAR (STRAT)	10.2	
H-1211	UC-Irvine (AASE)	2.9	$0.600 \pm 0.003$
	UEA/KFA	1.8	
	CMDL (ASHOE/MAESA)	3.2	
	NCAR (STRAT)	3.5	
H-1301	UC-Irvine (AASE)	2.0	$0.98 \pm 0.01$
	UEA/KFA	1.1	
	NCAR (STRAT)	2.2	
H-2402	UEA/KFA	0.3	$0.65 \pm 0.12$
	NCAR (STRAT)	0.4	
$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$	UEA/KFA (three flights)	0.8	$0.12 \pm 0.03$
	NCAR (STRAT)	1.1	
$\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}$	UEA/KFA (one flight)	1.1	$0.16 \pm 0.03$
	NCAR (STRAT)	0.14	
CFC-11	UC-Irvine (AASE)	270.0	
	UEA/KFA	261.0	
	CMDL (ASHOE/MAESA)	271.0	
	NCAR (STRAT)	276.3	

Stratospheric measurements of the compounds that contribute to stratospheric bromine from four research groups were used to obtain a correlation between the mixing ratios of each brominated compound and the mixing ratio of CFC-11. To compensate for the different calibration scales used by each research group, the data from different research groups was normalized so that each species had a normalized value of one at the tropopause. The UEA/KFA data consist of data from balloon flights on March 15, 1993, September 20, 1993, January 1, 1994, and July 10, 1994. UEA/KFA flights were normalized individually. The UEA/KFA flights occurred at  $44^\circ\text{N}$  except for the flight of January 1, 1994, which occurred at  $68^\circ\text{N}$ . The other data were taken from samplers flown aboard aircraft. The form of the parameterization is  $([X]/[X]_0) = ([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/d)}$ . The subscript, 0, designates the tropospheric mixing ratio measured by each group. No correction was applied to account for changes in the mixing ratios at the Earth's surface over the measurement time period or different sampling locations. Though there are differences in the absolute mixing ratios measured by each laboratory there is qualitative agreement among the normalized data sets (Plate 1). The uncertainties are 1 standard deviation values.

$$[X](x,t) = [X]_0(t - \Gamma(x)) + 2c\Delta^2(x,t) \quad (5)$$

where  $c$  is the quadratic coefficient describing the time series and  $\Delta$  is the width of the age spectrum. The quantity,  $\Delta^2$ , was estimated from global circulation models to be proportional to the mean age of air [Volk et al., 1997].

$$\Delta^2(x,t) = (1.25 \pm 0.5)(\Gamma(x,t) + \delta\Gamma) \quad (6)$$

The presence of a quadratic term in the time series produces a deviation away from the strictly linear case that is proportional to the quadratic coefficient and the mean age of the air. Sulfur hexafluoride is a purely anthropogenic compound that is used widely as an electrical insulator in transformers and high voltage switching devices. Very small amounts have also been released during tracer studies. It has no known tropospheric sinks and a stratospheric lifetime of approximately 3200 years [Ravishankara et al., 1993]. The recent trend in global, surface mixing ratios (in ppt) of  $\text{SF}_6$  is slightly nonlinear [Geller et al., 1997].

$$[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{surf}}(t) = 3.4361 + 0.2376(t - 1996) + 0.0049(t - 1996)^2 \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) is valid for  $1987 < t \text{ (years)} < 1997$ . The mixing ratio of  $\text{SF}_6$  at the tropical tropopause will be less than that at the surface due to the increasing surface mixing ratios, the finite

mixing time between the hemispheres, and the finite transport time from the Earth's surface to the tropical tropopause. The mixing ratio of SF<sub>6</sub> at the tropical tropopause was 3 ppt in late 1994, and the global surface average was approximately 3.18 ppt. The 0.18 ppt difference represents a time shift of 0.8 years [Volk *et al.*, 1997; Boering *et al.*, 1996]. Thus we adopt the value of 0.8 years for the transit time,  $\delta\Gamma$ , of the global surface average to the tropopause. Only those bromine containing species with time-dependent tropospheric mixing ratios (halons) have contributions to total bromine that are affected by the choice of  $\delta\Gamma$ . Uncertainty in  $\delta\Gamma$  of  $\pm 0.5$  y results in a  $\pm 0.14$  ppt uncertainty in total bromine. The time series for SF<sub>6</sub> mixing ratios at the tropical tropopause is given by

$$[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{trop}}(t) = 3.4361 + 0.2376((t - 0.8) - 1996) + 0.0049((t - 0.8) - 1996)^2 \quad (8)$$

where  $t$  is in calendar years. We chose mid-October 1994 as our reference time because this time coincides with the in situ, stratospheric measurements taken during the ASHOE/MAESA mission. Combining equations (5), (6), and (8) and using 1994.875 and 0.8 years for  $t$  and  $\delta\Gamma$  yields the following relationship between  $[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}}$  and mean age of air for stratospheric air parcels sampled during the fourth deployment of ASHOE/MAESA (Oct.-Nov. 1994, altitudes < 21 km).

$$[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}} = 3.4459 + 0.2376(t - \Gamma - 0.8 - 1996) + 0.0049(t - \Gamma - 0.8 - 1996)^2 + (0.01225\Gamma) \quad (9)$$

The mean age of air,  $\Gamma$ , expressed in terms of the SF<sub>6</sub> mixing ratio measured in a stratospheric air parcel,  $[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}}$ , is given by equation (10). Equation (10) is a fit to the data taken near the end of 1994 and is valid only for that time period.

$$\Gamma = 22.514 - 10.345[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}} + 0.9533[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}}^2 \quad (10)$$

Equations (9) and (10) are representative of the 1994 lower stratosphere and are based upon SF<sub>6</sub> mixing ratios measured along the ER-2 flight track. To solve for the relationship between measured  $[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}}$  and  $\Gamma$  at a future measurement time,  $t$ , equation (9) can be inverted analytically to yield  $\Gamma$  as a function of  $[\text{SF}_6]_{\text{strat}}$ . The uncertainty in the derived mean age owing to the precision of the stratospheric  $[\text{SF}_6]$  measurements is  $\pm 4$  months (1 s.d.). The mean age of the oldest air parcel sampled during ASHOE/MAESA was about 6 years, which corresponds to entry into the stratosphere near the end of 1988.

The chromatography used to separate SF<sub>6</sub> resulted in a sampling frequency that was one half that of H-1211 and CFC-11. To complete our SF<sub>6</sub> data set we used [CFC-11] as a proxy for [SF<sub>6</sub>], based upon the correlation of [SF<sub>6</sub>] and [CFC-11] during flights in which H-1211 was also measured (equation (11)).

$$[\text{SF}_6] = 2.0379 + 0.001235[\text{CFC-11}] + 8 \times 10^{-6}[\text{CFC-11}]^2 \quad (11)$$

Equation (11) is a second-order polynomial fit to all data, including data taken in the tropics, with each data point weighed equally. This correlation, which forms a snapshot of the relationship between SF<sub>6</sub> and CFC-11 at the end of 1994, will change with changes in the tropospheric mixing ratios of these two compounds.

### 3.3. Estimates for Brominated Source Species Not Measured During ASHOE/MAESA

Correlations of brominated species with CFC-11 were compiled from analyses of whole air samples collected by the UC-Irvine (DC-8, 1992), UEA/KFA (four balloon flights from

March 1993 to July 1994), and NCAR (ER-2, 1995) samplers. As previously mentioned, the correlation between two species will depend in part upon the tropospheric mixing ratio of each species. The three groups did not measure the same tropospheric mixing ratios of the various brominated compounds (Table 4), and the spread in the measurements exceeds the observed global trend for each species over the measurement time period. Thus we would not expect correlations obtained by different groups to be in good agreement. The spread in measurements may arise from real atmospheric variability, a systematic error in the measurements, or simply a scalar calibration error. Each laboratory used an independent calibration scale which could account for the spread in the measurements. Scalar calibration differences can be resolved by applying a species- and lab-dependent normalization factor to the original measurements. We normalized the data from different research groups so that each species had a value of one at the tropopause. The normalized correlations obtained by the various groups were in much better agreement than the unnormalized correlations. The scatter in the normalized correlations is the result of measurement uncertainty and atmospheric variability (Plate 1). There are not enough data to extract the seasonal and spatial dependencies of the atmospheric variability and this prevents a more precise parameterization of the correlations. For this reason we combined all data to obtain an average correlation for each species.

A simple parameterization of the relationship between the mixing ratio of a species at the tropopause,  $[X]_0$ , and the mixing ratio of the species in the stratosphere,  $[X]$ , is given by equation (12).

$$[X] = [X]_0 \exp(-t/\tau_X) \quad (12)$$

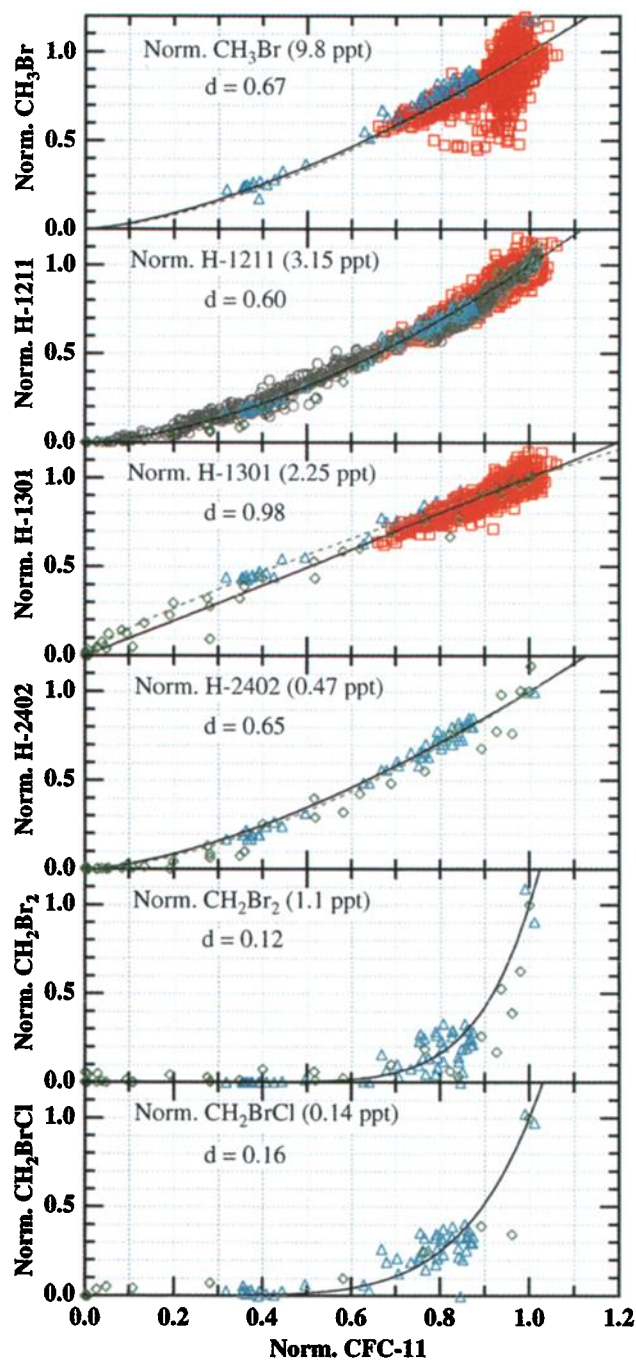
The quantity,  $1/\tau_X$ , is an effective stratospheric loss rate. For the species being considered here, the dominant loss mechanism is photolysis. The correlation between two species with stratospheric mixing ratios that are well represented by equation (12) is a power law relationship with a power coefficient equal to the ratio of the loss rates of the two species. The correlations between the brominated species and CFC-11 are adequately described by a simple power law (equation (13), Plate 1),

$$[X]/[X]_0 = ([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{1/d} \quad (13)$$

where the mixing ratio of each brominated species is represented by  $[X]$ , the subscript,  $0$ , designates the mid-October 1994 mixing ratio at the tropopause, and  $(1/d)$  is the power coefficient (Table 4, Plate 1). While not rigorously accurate, the value of  $d$  can be used to provide an estimate of the loss rate of each species relative to that of CFC-11. These correlations were obtained by weighing each data point equally, including data taken in the tropics. For air parcels sampled along the flight track of the ER-2,  $[\text{CBr}_4]$  was calculated from the direct measurement of H-1211 and estimates of the mixing ratios of the five unmeasured organic bromine species from these correlations with CFC-11. The uncertainty in  $[\text{CBr}_4]$  was calculated from the uncertainty in the measurements of the late 1994 tropospheric mixing ratios (Table 2) and the uncertainty in the value of  $d$  for each species (Table 4). The uncertainty in the CFC-11 measurement is negligible and is not included in our estimate of the total organic bromine in an air parcel.

In the absence of measurements of brominated compounds, correlations can be calculated from two-dimensional models that attempt to represent the radiative, chemical, and dynamic processes in the atmosphere. The Atmospheric Environmental Research, Inc. (AER) model, which incorporates restricted exchange between the tropics and midlatitudes in the lower stratosphere [Weissenstein *et al.*, 1996], was used to calculate correlations of the halons and CH<sub>3</sub>Br with CFC-11. The tropospheric mixing ratios of the three halons and CH<sub>3</sub>Br used in





**Plate 1.** Normalized data sets and resulting correlations for the six organic bromine species included in our calculation. Normalization constants for each individual set of data are given in Table 4. The solid curves are the best fits to the data using the equation  $[X]/[X]_o = ([CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o)^{1/d}$  where the subscript, o, represents the October 1994 tropical tropopause mixing ratios. The October 1994 surface mixing ratio for each molecule is given in parentheses. ACATS-IV data are shown in gray circles, NCAR data are shown in blue triangles, UEA data are represented by green diamonds, and UC-Irvine data are denoted by red squares. The dashed curves are fits to the AER model results matched for season and location with the NCAR data. There is good agreement between the measured and modeled correlations. The value of  $d$  for the modeled H-1211 correlation is 0.59 which makes it difficult to distinguish from the measured correlation.

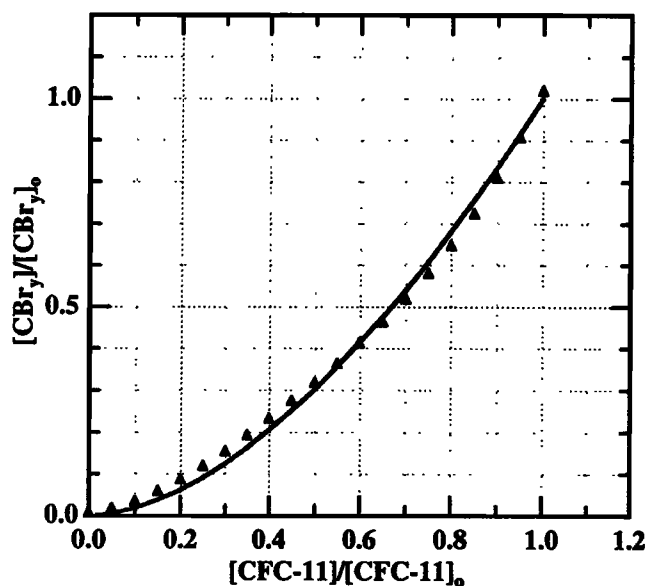
our calculation of  $Br_{Total}$  (Table 2) were used to generate a time-dependent, bromine source function for the AER model. For the purposes of comparison, equation (13) was used to fit the model results that matched the season and location of the NCAR data. Agreement between the modeled and observed correlations is good (Plate 1). This suggests that the degradation of the source molecules is well represented by the model.

Organic bromine can also be estimated solely from measurements of [CFC-11] if the correlation between [H-1211] and [CFC-11] is used rather than measured H-1211 mixing ratios. Then, the relationship between  $[CBr_y]$  and [CFC-11] is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 [CBr_y] = & [CH_3Br]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.67)} \\
 & + [H-1211]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.60)} \\
 & + [H-1301]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.98)} \\
 & + 2[H-2402]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.65)} \\
 & + 2[CH_2Br_2]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.12)} \\
 & + [CH_2BrCl]_o [CFC-11]/[CFC-11]_o^{(1/0.16)} \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the subscript, o, designates a mixing ratio at the tropical tropopause. As before, the denominator of the power coefficient,  $d$ , multiplied by the lifetime of CFC-11, yields an estimate of the lifetime of each brominated compound. An "effective lifetime" of 26 years ( $d=0.58$ ) is obtained for  $CBr_y$  when equation (14) is reparameterized in the form of the power law function given in equation (13) (Figure 3). This "effective lifetime" of  $CBr_y$  is based upon a CFC-11 lifetime of 45 years [Volk et al., 1997].

The correlations discussed above were based upon the mixing ratio of CFC-11 rather than that of nitrous oxide ( $N_2O$ ) because the lifetimes of the brominated source compounds are closer to the lifetime of CFC-11 than to the lifetime of  $N_2O$ . However, the same methods could have been applied using the measurements of  $N_2O$ , which were obtained every 6 min by GC-ECD and at 1 Hz using a tunable laser absorption technique [Podolske and Loewenstein, 1993] during ASHOE/MAESA. The following



**Figure 3.** Correlation between  $CBr_y$  and CFC-11 in the stratosphere. The triangles represent the correlation from the summation of correlations for all source molecules (equation (14)). The solid curve is the best fit to the correlation using a power law function with power coefficient  $1/d$  ( $d = 0.58$ ). The "effective lifetime" of  $CBr_y$  is estimated to be approximately one half that of CFC-11.



equations describe the relationship between the mixing ratios of CFC-11 and  $N_2O$  based upon measurements from the entire ASHOE/MAESA mission. The CFC-11 and  $N_2O$  measurements are from ACATS-IV. The correlation varies with latitude, so we have provided both tropical ( $-20^\circ < \text{latitude} < 20^\circ$ ) and extratropical ( $\text{latitude} > 20^\circ$  or  $\text{latitude} < -20^\circ$ ) correlations. The tropical correlation is given by

$$[\text{CFC-11}] = 39.92 - 0.33539[\text{N}_2\text{O}] + 0.0033736[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^2 \quad (15)$$

and is valid for  $N_2O$  mixing ratios between 225 and 310 ppb. The correlation in the extratropics is given by

$$[\text{CFC-11}] = 252.92 - 4.5591[\text{N}_2\text{O}] + 0.025644[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^2 - 3.4639 \times 10^{-5}[\text{N}_2\text{O}]^3 \quad (16)$$

and is valid for  $N_2O$  mixing ratios between 130 and 310 ppb. The mixing ratio of CFC-11 is in ppt and the mixing ratio of  $N_2O$  is in parts per billion (ppb) for equations (15) and (16).

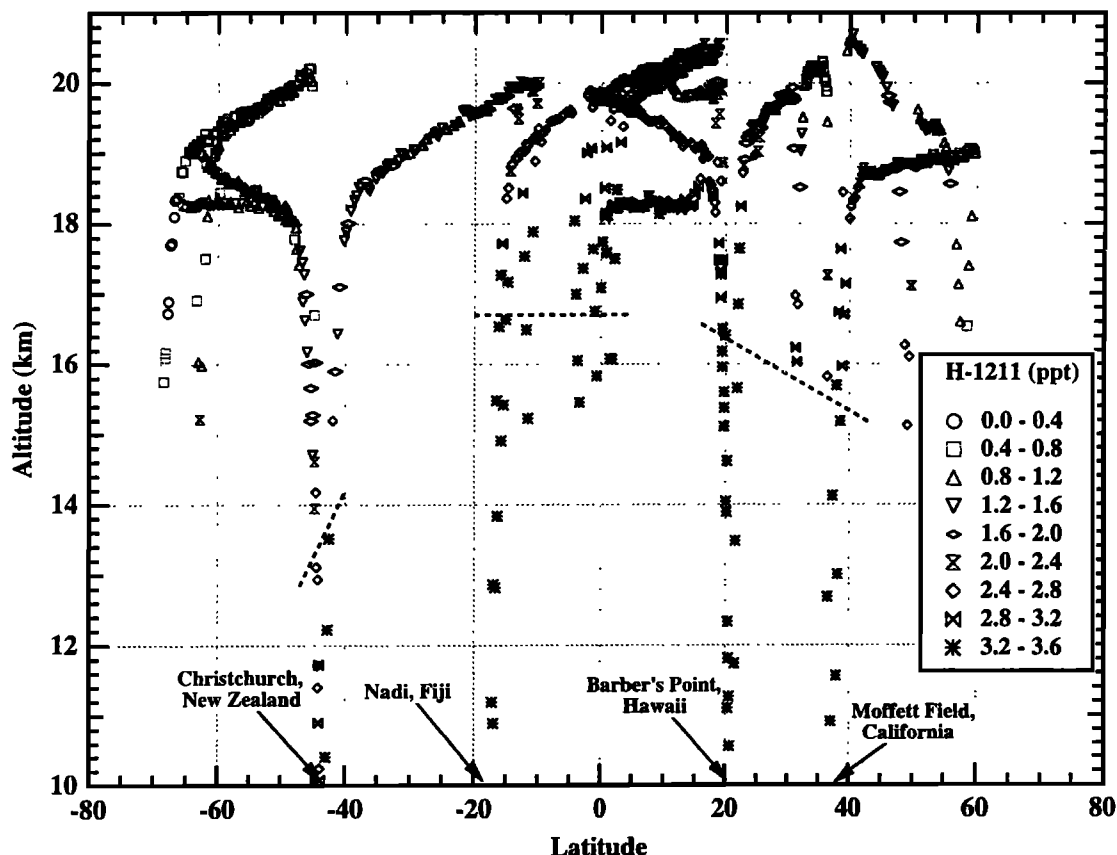
#### 4. Results and Discussion

The observed distribution of H-1211 mixing ratios measured during ASHOE/MAESA was consistent with that expected for a species with an increasing tropospheric source and a stratospheric sink subject to Brewer-Dobson circulation (Figure 4). Air parcels

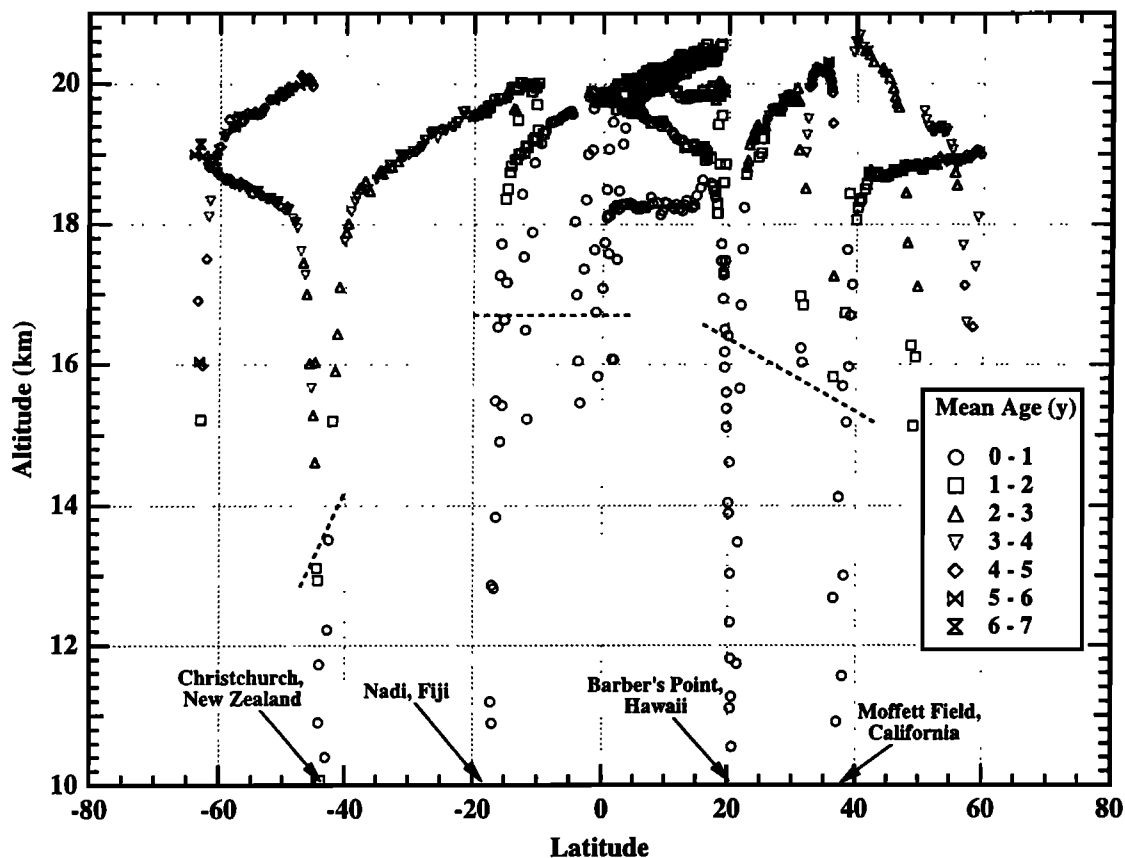
sampled on ascent and descent (data points below 15 km) from Moffett Field, California ( $37^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $122^\circ\text{W}$ ), Barber's Point, Hawaii ( $21^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $158^\circ\text{W}$ ), Nadi, Fiji ( $18^\circ\text{S}$ ,  $175^\circ\text{E}$ ), and Christchurch, New Zealand ( $43^\circ\text{S}$ ,  $172^\circ\text{E}$ ) show values consistent with late 1994 surface mixing ratios. At a given altitude, mixing ratios of H-1211 in the tropics were larger than those at higher latitudes, consistent with the upward advection of tropospheric air that contained high mixing ratios of H-1211 into the tropical stratosphere. The lowest H-1211 mixing ratios were observed in air parcels located at high altitudes. On the flight of October 13, 1994, low H-1211 mixing ratios were observed at 16 km when the ER-2 executed a dive near  $68^\circ\text{S}$ . This is consistent with downward advection of air in polar regions.

A similar picture emerged from the  $\text{SF}_6$  measurements (data not shown). The highest values of  $[\text{SF}_6]$  were observed in the tropics with a trend toward lower values with increasing altitude and latitude. The mean age of air calculated from the measurements of  $\text{SF}_6$  (equation (10)) ranged from 0 to 6 years [Vaugh *et al.*, 1997; Volk *et al.*, 1997] (Figure 5). At high northern and southern latitudes, air parcels were sampled below 18 km with mean ages greater than 4 years, which suggests vertical descent of stratospheric air in these regions. There was only one air sample with a calculated age in excess of 6 years. In general, the oldest air parcels sampled were close to the polar region and had mean ages of 5 to 5.5 years.

We calculated  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$ ,  $[\text{CBr}_4]$ , and  $[\text{Br}_2]$  in air parcels sampled along the ER-2 flight path for eight flights from October



**Figure 4.** ACATS-IV measurements of H-1211 (dry mole fraction) as a function of altitude and latitude during ASHOE/MAESA. The largest mixing ratios were observed in the tropics consistent with upwelling of tropospheric air in the tropics. The smaller mixing ratios observed at high latitudes were associated with larger mean ages (Figure 5). The lower values of  $[\text{H-1211}]$  observed in air parcels with older mean ages are largely the result of photolysis. In addition, older air parcels entered the stratosphere with less H-1211 than younger air parcels because  $[\text{H-1211}]$  has been increasing in the troposphere. The dashed curves in the figure represent the location of the tropopause as defined by a potential temperature of 380 K.



**Figure 5.** Calculated values of mean age as a function of altitude and latitude during ASHOE/MAESA based upon ACATS-IV measurements of  $\text{SF}_6$ . The air parcels with the smallest mean ages were located in the tropical upwelling region. Descent of older air at high latitudes was observed in both the northern and southern hemispheres. The dashed curves in the figure represent the location of the tropopause as defined by a potential temperature of 380 K.

13, 1994 to November 11, 1994 (Figure 6). The calculated value of  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  in the 1994 lower stratosphere ranged from 16.4 to 18.2 ppt with the oldest air parcels containing approximately 2 ppt less bromine than the youngest air parcels (Figure 6). The uncertainty in  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  is approximately  $\pm 2$  ppt over the entire range of  $\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$  values. Approximately one half of the uncertainty is due to that associated with the individual measurements of the six organic bromine species, and the other half arises from the uncertainty in the time series of surface mixing ratios for each species. Equations (17)–(19) are fits to the calculated results for  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$ ,  $[\text{CBr}_y]$ , and  $[\text{Br}_y]$  in ppt (Figure 6).

$$[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}](t = 1994.875) = 16.35 + 0.0043[\text{CFC-11}] + 9.5 \times 10^{-6}[\text{CFC-11}]^2 \quad (17)$$

$$[\text{CBr}_y](t = 1994.875) = 0.33 + 0.001[\text{CFC-11}] - 2.55 \times 10^{-6}[\text{CFC-11}]^3 + 5.37 \times 10^{-9}[\text{CFC-11}]^4 \quad (18)$$

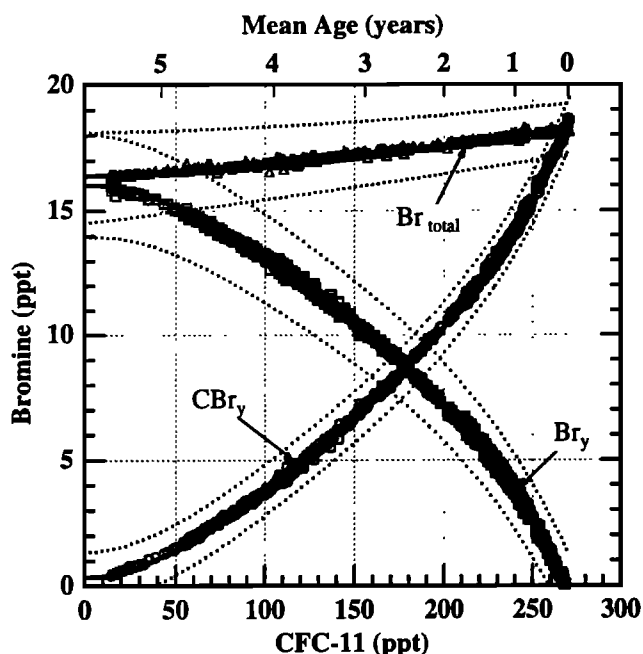
$$[\text{Br}_y](t = 1994.875) = 16.02 + 0.0033[\text{CFC-11}] - 5.305 \times 10^{-4}[\text{CFC-11}]^2 + 2.55 \times 10^{-6}[\text{CFC-11}]^3 - 5.37 \times 10^{-9}[\text{CFC-11}]^4 \quad (19)$$

Equations (20) and (21) can be used to calculate  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  and  $[\text{CBr}_y]$  for stratospheric measurements taken at time,  $t$ , after 1994.875. Equation (20) gives  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  in an air parcel as a function of mean age of the air parcel.

$$[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}] = 18.48 + 0.286(t - \Gamma - \delta\Gamma - 1994.875) - 0.009(t - \Gamma - \delta\Gamma - 1994.875)^2 \quad (20)$$

$$[\text{CBr}_y] = \{9.8([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.67)} + \{(2)(1.1)([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.12)} + \{(0.14)([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.16)} + \{(3.15 + ((0.151)(t-1994.875)) - ((0.0036)(t-1994.875)^2))([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.60)} + \{(2.25 + ((0.115)(t-1994.875)) - ((0.0055)(t-1994.875)^2))([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.98)} + \{(2)(0.47 + ((0.010)(t - 1994.875)))([\text{CFC-11}]/[\text{CFC-11}]_0)^{(1/0.65)}\} \quad (21)$$

The amount of bromine that resides in inorganic forms can be calculated from the difference of  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  and  $[\text{CBr}_y]$ . Equation (22) can be used to calculate the mean age,  $\Gamma(t)$ , from a stratospheric measurement of  $[\text{SF}_6]$  at time,  $t$  (in years).



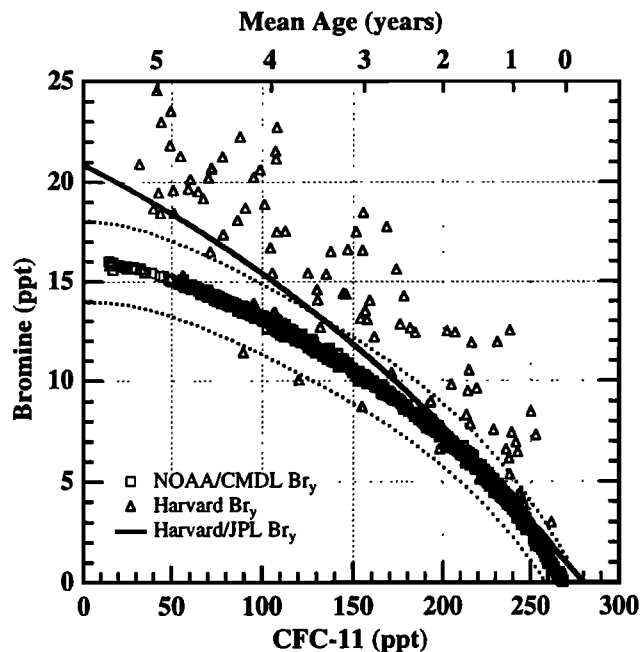
**Figure 6.** Calculated results for  $[Br_{Total}]$  (triangles), and its partitioning into organic,  $CBr_y$  (circles), and inorganic,  $Br_y$  (squares), constituents. Solid curves represent fits as defined in equations (17), (18), and (19). The dashed curves represent 1 standard deviation windows calculated from the uncertainties listed in Tables 2 and 3.

$$\Gamma(t) = -1973.81 + t - 102.041 \times \sqrt{(0.462675 + 0.0196[SF_6] - 0.00002401t)} \quad (22)$$

Inclusion of bromine chemistry in photochemical models is important in calculating ozone loss rates. It is of interest here to compare  $[Br_y]$  from previous model studies to that calculated in this paper. One model that has gained wide acceptance for analysis of aircraft and satellite data is a photochemical, steady state model used by Harvard University and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) [e.g. Salawitch *et al.*, 1994; Wennberg *et al.*, 1997; Gao *et al.*, 1997; Osterman *et al.*, 1997]. The model calculates  $Br_y$  using a method similar to the one we have described. The model incorporated NCAR whole air sampler (WAS) data from AASE II measurements of organic bromine species including  $CH_3Br$ , H-1211, H-1301, H-2402, and  $CH_2Br_2$  [Schauffler *et al.*, 1993] to calculate total bromine. No age of the air mass correction was attempted because the uncertainty in the source gas measurements was too large to determine an atmospheric growth rate. The Harvard/JPL model used equation (23) to calculate  $[Br_y]$  from ACATS CFC-11 mixing ratios measured during AASE II.

$$[Br_y]_{Harvard/JPL} = 20.8682 - 4.3625 \times 10^{-2}[CFC-11] - 1.103 \times 10^{-4}[CFC-11]^2 \quad (23)$$

A comparison of our results with those produced by the Harvard/JPL model is shown in Figure 7. There is relatively good agreement for calculated mixing ratios of  $Br_y$  for CFC-11 mixing ratios greater than 150 ppt. However, there is a significant departure at CFC-11 < 150 ppt. One of the main reasons is that the Harvard/JPL fit used a  $CBr_y$  at the tropopause of  $21.1 \pm 0.8$  ppt during AASE II [Schauffler *et al.*, 1993]. This



**Figure 7.** Calculated mixing ratios of  $Br_y$  as a function of CFC-11 using the organic bromine method described in this work (squares), the inorganic bromine method (triangles), and an earlier result using the organic bromine method (solid curve).

value has been recently lowered to 17 ppt based on a recalibration of the measured concentrations of the organic source gases [Daniel *et al.*, 1996]. Another source of disagreement (~2 ppt) between our results and the Harvard/JPL model can be explained by the model assumption that  $Br_{Total}$  remained constant with time. The new formulation for  $Br_y$  presented here results in a ~20% reduction (for air parcels with  $[CFC-11] < 150$  ppt) in the calculated abundance of  $BrO$ , and, consequently, in ozone loss rates resulting from bromine chemistry when compared to the previous model studies that incorporated the Harvard/JPL fit for  $Br_y$ .

Our estimate of  $Br_y$  cannot be compared directly to the results obtained using measurements taken during AASE II [Daniel *et al.*, 1996] because of growth in the tropospheric mixing ratios of the halons that occurred between the two missions. The oldest stratospheric air parcels sampled during AASE II would have entered the stratosphere at the beginning of 1986, which predates the NOAA/CMDL record of source molecule mixing ratios at the Earth's surface. If we linearly extrapolate the observed trend in surface mixing ratios between 1989 and 1991 back to 1986, we calculate a value of 15.3 ppt for  $[Br_{Total}]$  in air parcels sampled during AASE II that were 6 years old, in agreement with that obtained by Daniel *et al.* [1996]. Our calculated value of  $[Br_{Total}]$  for 1992 is higher than that of Daniel *et al.* [1996] by 0.3 ppt, but well within the uncertainty of the measurements. Our calculation of  $CBr_y$  entering the stratosphere differs from that of Daniel *et al.* [1996] in that we used surface measurements to estimate  $[Br_{Total}]$  (shifted by the transit time from the surface to the tropopause), whereas Daniel *et al.* [1996] used measured mixing ratios at the tropical tropopause. Our method will overestimate the amount of bromine carried into the stratosphere if significant degradation of the source gases occurs in the troposphere. The uncertainty associated with our assumption that there is little degradation of the source gases in the troposphere is difficult to quantify. We expect species with short lifetimes to have more variable distributions than longer-lived species. The more variable the distribution, the more difficult it is to define a global average from a limited number of measurements. A few

profiles of  $[\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2]$  and  $[\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}]$  in the troposphere have been measured by the authors (E.L.A. and S.M.S.), and they exhibit substantial variability. With the current measurements we estimate that tropospheric degradation of these two species does not exceed 50%. Profiles of  $[\text{CH}_3\text{Br}]$  in the troposphere (E.L.A. and S.M.S.) also exhibit some variability, and from these profiles we estimate that the mixing ratio of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  at the tropopause differs from the global surface average by less than 10%. Our estimates of  $\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$  would be reduced by a little more than 2 ppt if significant degradation is occurring in the troposphere. The good agreement between our estimate of  $\text{CBr}_y$  at the tropical tropopause and the measured  $\text{CBr}_y$  at the tropical tropopause [Daniel *et al.*, 1996] suggests that such degradation is not occurring.

Though organic brominated compounds are the source of  $\text{Br}_y$  in the stratosphere,  $\text{CBr}_y$  is not directly involved in the catalytic cycles that destroy ozone. We estimated  $[\text{CBr}_y]$  from direct measurement of H-1211 and correlation of five other organic bromine species with CFC-11. The difference between  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  and  $[\text{CBr}_y]$  yields  $[\text{Br}_y]$ . In the oldest air parcels sampled, only 0.4 ppt (2.5%) of bromine remained in organic forms, indicating that the conversion of  $\text{CBr}_y$  to  $\text{Br}_y$  was essentially complete in those parcels. Air parcels that had recently entered the stratosphere contained 18.2 ppt of bromine, all of which was in the form of organic species. The values of  $[\text{CBr}_y]$  and  $[\text{Br}_y]$  were equal in air parcels with a mean age of 2.5 years. Our result for  $\text{Br}_y/\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$  in the oldest sampled air parcels is slightly higher than that obtained by Daniel *et al.* [1996] (Table 5). On the basis of the tropospheric mixing ratios and the lifetimes of the organic species that contribute to halogens in the stratosphere, we expect the conversion of organic bromine species to inorganic bromine species to be more complete than the analogous conversion of chlorine species in any given air parcel. Consistent with this, we calculate that the conversion of  $\text{CBr}_y$  to  $\text{Br}_y$  of 97.5% is more complete than the conversion of  $\text{CCl}_y$  to  $\text{Cl}_y$  in air parcels with similar ages observed during AASE-II (Table 5).

The results in Figure 6 and the accompanying equations and tables are representative of the lower stratosphere in late 1994. Since the results are expressed in terms of absolute mixing ratios, anticipated changes in tropospheric abundances of CFC-11, the halons, and  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  will necessarily lead to modified relationships in the future. Because regulation of the halons will substantially reduce their tropospheric mixing ratios, the minimum  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  in the stratosphere is expected to be set in the future by the tropospheric mixing ratios of naturally produced, brominated compounds. We estimate this value to be approximately 9.2 ppt under the assumptions that 70% of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  burden [Butler and Rodriguez, 1996] and 100% of the  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{BrCl}$  burden in 1995 are the result of naturally occurring processes.

The suite of instruments aboard the ER-2 during ASHOE/MAESA also provided a comprehensive set of data from which  $\text{Br}_y$  was calculated by an independent method which we refer to as the inorganic bromine method (Harvard  $\text{Br}_y$ ). This method was based on in situ measurements of the mixing ratios of  $\text{HO}_2$ ,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{ClO}$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and  $\text{O}_3$  rather than long-lived tracers. In sunlight, rapid photolysis of  $\text{BrONO}_2$ ,  $\text{HOBr}$ , and  $\text{BrCl}$  allows the use of a simple photochemical stationary state

(PSS) model (constrained by the in situ measurements) to calculate the partitioning of  $\text{Br}_y$  into its component species  $\text{BrO}$ ,  $\text{BrONO}_2$ ,  $\text{HOBr}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $\text{Br}$ , and  $\text{BrCl}$ . Photolysis rates were calculated from a radiative transfer model that takes into account variations in overhead ozone and albedo along the flight track. Rate constants and cross sections were taken from the JPL 1997 evaluation [DeMore *et al.*, 1997].  $\text{Br}_y$  is then estimated from in situ measurements of  $\text{BrO}$  in the stratosphere,  $[\text{BrO}]_{\text{in situ}}$ , and the calculated fraction,  $([\text{BrO}]/[\text{Br}_y])_{\text{PSS}}$  (equation (24), Figure 7).

$$[\text{Br}_y]_{\text{Harvard}} = [\text{BrO}]_{\text{in situ}} / ([\text{BrO}]/[\text{Br}_y])_{\text{PSS}} \quad (24)$$

This method yields a value of  $[\text{Br}_y]$  in the oldest air parcels sampled during ASHOE/MAESA of 20 (+11, -9.8) ppt, from a measured  $\text{BrO}$  mixing ratio of 11 (+4.5, -4.5) ppt. This value of  $[\text{BrO}]$  is higher than that observed during AASE and AASE II for air parcels with a similar mean age. However, data from a balloon-borne, UV-visible spectrometer launched from Andoya, Norway (70°N, 16°E), in January 1996 yield  $\text{BrO}$  mixing ratios of  $10 \pm 3$  ppt at 20 km and  $12 \pm 3$  ppt at 21 km [Pundt *et al.*, 1996] in good agreement with  $[\text{BrO}]$  measured during ASHOE/MAESA. The inorganic bromine method used by the Harvard PSS model relies on a thorough understanding of bromine chemistry in the stratosphere. Recent work by Bogan *et al.* [1996] suggests that the yield of  $\text{HBr}$  from the reaction of  $\text{BrO}$  and  $\text{OH}$  may be as high as 1%. Though this yield is small, a recent modeling study (Chipperfield, M. P., *et al.*, A model study of the potential role of the reaction  $\text{BrO} + \text{OH}$  in the production of stratospheric  $\text{HBr}$ , submitted to *Geophysical Research Letters*, 1997) suggests that a 1-2% yield of  $\text{HBr}$  would produce enough  $\text{HBr}$  to bring model results into better agreement with observations of  $\text{HBr}$  in the stratosphere [Carlotti *et al.*, 1995; Johnson *et al.*, 1995; Nolt *et al.*, 1997]. The observed  $\text{HBr}$  mixing ratio of 1 pptv near 20 km [Nolt *et al.*, 1997] is of the order of 5% of total  $\text{Br}_y$  rather than 1% and could lower the  $[\text{BrO}]/[\text{Br}_y]$  ratio and increase  $[\text{Br}_y]$  at a similar degree. Simultaneous in situ measurements of other inorganic bromine species would be useful in addressing this issue as well as in evaluating our assumption that the inorganic bromine species are in photochemical equilibrium.

Although the values of  $[\text{Br}_y]$  calculated with the inorganic bromine method agree within combined uncertainties with those calculated from the organic bromine method (Figure 7), the value of the intercomparison is lessened by the greater uncertainties inherent in the inorganic bromine method. The organic bromine method results in significantly less uncertainty. The values of  $[\text{Br}_y]$  calculated with the inorganic bromine method are at the upper limit of what we would calculate from the organic bromine method. We note, however, that there is a potential systematic error in our initial assumption regarding the source of stratospheric bromine (Table 2, equation (2)). If additional sources of stratospheric bromine are significant, our estimate of  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$ , and thus  $[\text{Br}_y]$ , will be too low.

The organic bromine method of calculating the  $\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$  in the stratosphere works best for long-lived source gases which have negligible sinks in the troposphere. For these species, input to the stratosphere can be well parameterized by the global surface mean. Short-lived species which can exhibit large deviations

**Table 5.** Comparison of Calculated Results for  $\text{Br}_y/\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$  and  $\text{Cl}_y/\text{Cl}_{\text{Total}}$  in Stratospheric Air

Study	Data Set	Basis for the Age Calculation	Calculated Age, Years	$\text{Br}_y/\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}$ , %	$\text{Cl}_y/\text{Cl}_{\text{Total}}$ , %	$\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , ppb
Woodbridge <i>et al.</i> [1995]	AASE II	$\text{CO}_2$	5	-	87.5	100 ppb
Daniel <i>et al.</i> [1996]	AASE II	$\text{CO}_2/\text{CFC-115}$	5-6	90	85	100 ppb
This work	ASHOE/MAESA	$\text{SF}_6$	6	97.5	-	130 ppb

The mixing ratio of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  associated with the calculated fractions of inorganic chlorine and bromine has been included as a reference point for the mean age of the sampled air independent of the method used to determine the mean age of the air.

away from a global average are not as well represented in our analysis. One such compound is bromoform ( $\text{CHBr}_3$ ) which is naturally produced and has mixing ratios at the Earth's surface between 0 and 10 ppt [Penkett et al., 1985; Cicerone et al., 1988; Atlas et al., 1992]. Several measurements of  $\text{CHBr}_3$  mixing ratios in excess of 20 pptv were obtained by Class et al. [1986] in a 1985 survey of halomethanes in marine air. Decomposition of 1 ppt of  $\text{CHBr}_3$  in the stratosphere would increase  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  by 3 ppt, which is more than 10% of the current input to the stratosphere. The lifetime of  $\text{CHBr}_3$  is estimated to be of the order of weeks [Penkett et al., 1985], so  $\text{CHBr}_3$  was not included as a source of stratospheric bromine in our estimate of  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$ . Bromoform mixing ratios of 0.1 ppt have recently been measured (E. Atlas, unpublished data, 1996) in whole air samples collected in the upper troposphere, but no bromoform has been measured in the stratosphere. Recent results from the AER, 2-D chemical transport model suggest that the organic species with lifetimes less than a month may be contributing appreciable amounts of bromine to the stratosphere [Ko et al., 1997]. Determining the amount of  $\text{CHBr}_3$  and other short-lived, organic compounds of bromine, or inorganic bromine from their decomposition, entering the stratosphere remains an outstanding issue in the bromine budget of the lower atmosphere.

## 5. Conclusion

Stratospheric measurements of  $\text{SF}_6$  were combined with the tropospheric time series of mixing ratios for six organic bromine species to calculate the amount of total bromine in stratospheric air parcels sampled at latitudes between  $70^\circ\text{S}$  and  $60^\circ\text{N}$  at altitudes of 20 km during late 1994. The oldest air parcel sampled had a mean age of 6 years and contained an estimated  $16.4 \pm 2$  ppt of bromine. Air parcels that had recently entered the stratosphere contained an estimated  $18.2 \pm 2$  ppt of bromine. Total organic bromine in each air parcel was calculated from measurements of H-1211 and estimates of the remaining species based upon correlation with CFC-11 obtained from independent stratospheric data sets. The good agreement found between the observed correlations and those generated by a 2-D chemical transport model suggests that the conversion of organic to inorganic bromine in the stratosphere is reasonably well understood. Inorganic bromine was calculated from the difference between total bromine and organic bromine.

The method described in this paper yields estimates of  $[\text{Br}_{\text{Total}}]$  and  $[\text{Br}_y]$  in stratospheric air parcels with smaller uncertainty than other methods. The uncertainty could be reduced with more precise, global monitoring of brominated source gases at the Earth's surface and an expanded measurement program for organic and inorganic bromine compounds in the lower atmosphere. Altitude profiles of short-lived organic bromine species,  $\text{CHBr}_3$  in particular, from the Earth's surface to the tropopause would be helpful in addressing this issue. Our method also presumes that strong, localized convection contributes negligible amounts of bromine to the stratosphere. Firmer conclusions are possible only after the contributions of short-lived organic bromine species to stratospheric bromine become better quantified.

Even though the organic and inorganic methods described here for calculating  $\text{Br}_y$  agree within their respective uncertainties, further work should be pursued to reduce the larger uncertainties of the inorganic method, primarily through the improved overall accuracy of  $\text{BrO}$  measurements.

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